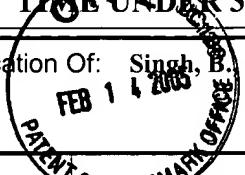


**COMBINED AMENDMENT & PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF
TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) (Large Entity)**

Docket No.
115808-459

In Re Application Of: Singh, B. et al.



Application No.	60/09881,935	Priority Date	June 15, 2001	Examiner	Bhat, Nina Nmn	Customer No.	29157	Group Art Unit	1764	Confirmation No.	8096
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Invention: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR CUSTOMIZING A MULTIPLE COMPONENT PET FOOD**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a combined amendment and petition under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of September 10, 2004 in the above-identified application.

Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

One month Two months Three months Four months Five months

from: December 10, 2004 *Date* until: February 10, 2005 *Date*

The fee for the amendment and extension of time has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS AS AMENDED

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TOTAL CLAIMS	28 -	28 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
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FEE FOR AMENDMENT					\$0.00
FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME					\$450.00
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- Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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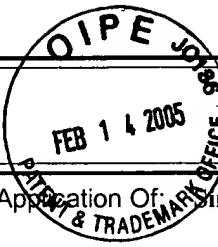
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